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Statement of Senator Stuart Symington, D-Mo.
Acting Chairman, Senate Committee on Armed Services

The Central Intelligence Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services
Committee took testimony today from Mr. William E. Colby, President Nixon's
nominee to be Director of Central Intelligence.

Members of the Subcommittee questioned Mr. Colby about the CIA budget
and about programs embraced in the proposed budget. He testified candidly
with respect to these matters which are classified.

Members of the Subcommittee also took the occasion to follow up on
certain matters discussed by Mr. Colby when he testified before the Armed
Services Committee at a public hearing on his nomination on Monday, July 2nd.

In that discussion, Mr. Colby again stated that the CIA did not, as
recently reported, engineer the 1967 military coup in Greece. He said
Colonel George Papadopoulos was not affiliated with CIA in any way.

Mr. Colby further stated:

"The CIA never paid Mr. Papadopoulos any money.

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Mr. Colby stated that he will be happy to testify whenever the
Committee or the Subcommittee requests that he do so.